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E.O. 11652:GDS
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SUBJECT: REPORTS ON COUP ATTEMPTS IN COMOROS

REFS: (A) STATE 131571, (B) USIA 15988

1. APPRECIATE ATTENTION TO OUR REQUEST REPORTED BY REF B.
2. I AM AFRAID WE CANNOT AT THIS TIME ADD ANYTHING SPECIFIC TO NEWS RECEIVED BY WASHINGTON AGENCIES THROUGH WIRE SERVICES. WE HAVE NO ACCESS TO REUTERS HERE. NO FURTHER WORD FROM LE BRET.
3. FRENCH EMBASSY HAS HEARD THERE IS BREAKAWAY MOVEMENT UNDER CONSIDERATION WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY HAVE MAYOTTE, ANJOUAN AND MOHELI FORMING A CONFEDERATION LEAVING GRAND COMORE TO GO ITS OWN WAY UNDER ALI SOILIH. INTER ISLAND FRICTION IS NOT NEW. ALI SOILIH HAD TO SEND AN INVADING FORCE TO BRING ANJOUAN UNDER HIS CONTROL IN LATE 1975. ONE MAN OF INVADING FORCE WAS KILLED AND MAIN ARMY CAMP ON MORONI IS NOW NAMED FOR HIM.

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4. DAR ES SALAAM MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY SOME INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENTS IN COMORO ARMED FORCES, AS THEY ARE LARGELY CADRED BY TANZANIAN MILITARY.
5. OTHER EXPLANATION FOR FRICTION IN COMOROS MAY BE REVOLT OF ELDERS. DISCHARGED CIVIL SERVANTS AND OTHER ADULTS MAY NOT BE HAPPY WITH PREVIOUS TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT

BY YOUNG PEOPLE AND REDUCTION OF VOTING AGE TO 15.
SECULAR TENDENCIES OF ALI SOILIH MAY ALSO BE ENCOUNTERING
RESISTANCE ON PART OF TRADITIONALISTS, AS ISLANDS WERE
FORMERLY STRONGHOLDS OF TRADITIONAL ISLAMIC CUSTOMS.

6. HOPE TO HAVE MORE NEWS FOR YOU NEXT WEEK.BARRETT

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